

**MINUTES OF THE
COMMERCE AND REVENUE
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room 303, State Capitol Building
February 3, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Scott Jenkins, Co-Chairman
Rep. Chad E. Bennion, Co-Chairman
Sen. Ed Mayne
Rep. Eli Anderson
Rep. Ty McCartney
Rep. Mike Morley
Rep. J. Morgan Philpot
Rep. Peggy Wallace

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sen. Leonard Blackham
Sen. John Valentine
Rep. Katherine M. Bryson

STAFF PRESENT: Stan Eckersley, Fiscal Analyst
Barbara Hilbert, Committee Secretary

VISITORS LIST: Attached to and made a part of these minutes.

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Sen. Jenkins called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

Fiscal Analyst, Stan Eckersley, presented the FY 2004 budget recommendations for the Department of Commerce.

Ted Boyer and Klare Bachman, Department of Commerce, responded to the recommendations and discussed their concerns with the committee. Mr. Boyer discussed five of the twelve critical issues (handout on file) concerning the department.

Laura Poe, Assistant Director, Occupational Licensing, responded to questions from the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Wallace moved to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2003 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION Rep. Philpot moved to accept the Analyst's recommendations and approve, pending final vote, the FY 2004 Workforce Services budget with the following intent:

"The Legislature intends that the General Assistance budget be held harmless, that is, it should be maintained at the FY 2003 level of \$6,927,600."

The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Bennion absent for the vote.

Prior to discussion with the committee, the Analyst administered the oath to Werner Haidenthaller, Finance, Workforce Services.

Mr. Haidenthaller responded to questions of where funds could be cut. The Department will continue to look at and come back to the committee with a response. He was assisted in the questioning by Sarah Brenna.

MOTION: Rep. Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Sen. Scott Jenkins, Co-Chair

Rep. Chad E. Bennion, Co-Chair